UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

-----X MICHAEL JONES, :

Plaintiff, : <u>ORDER OF SERVICE</u>

-V.-

18 Civ. 1937 (VSB) (GWG)

CITY OF NEW YORK, et al.,

GABRIEL W. GORENSTEIN, UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Plaintiff Michael Jones, currently incarcerated at Sing Sing Correctional Facility, brings this <u>pro se</u> action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, alleging that defendants violated his rights between May 2014 and August 2015, while he was detained at Rikers Island. <u>See</u> Comp., filed March 3, 2020 (Docket # 2), at 7.

On April 2, 2020, Judge Broderick ordered Jones to inform the Court whether he seeks to proceed with any or all of his claims against former defendants Jessy Liburd, Yves Gauvin, and Jorge Villalobos, whom the Court acknowledged may have been erroneously dismissed from the case. See Opinion and Order of April 2, 2020 (Docket # 93), at 20-21. On May 4, 2020, Jones submitted a letter response which noted that medical records "confirm that defendant Villalobos in fact saw" him within the limitations period. Letter from Michael Jones, filed May 4, 2020 (Docket # 94). Judge Broderick required the City to respond to Jones's letter. Opinion and Order of April 2, 2020, at 21. On August 11, 2020, the City responded, stating that it did not object to reinstatement of the claims against Villalobos. Letter from Sharon Sprayregen, filed August 11, 2020 (Docket # 103), at 2. The City stated that it was not currently representing Villalobos and was not authorized to waive service on his behalf. Id. Accordingly, the City provided an address at which Villalobos may be served. Id. The City additionally noted that

"[s]hould claims against Villal[o]bos be reinstated[,] the Law Department would not take additional discovery." <u>Id.</u> The Court construes Jones's letter as a motion to reinstate his claims against Villalobos and in light of the defendants' consent, the Court grants Jones's motion. The Clerk of Court is therefore directed to reinstate Villalobos as a defendant in the above-captioned case.

On May 15, 2018, the Judge Broderick granted Jones's request to proceed in forma pauperis. See Order of May 15, 2018 (Docket # 8). Thus, Jones is entitled to rely on the Court and the U.S. Marshals to effect service. To allow Jones to effect service on defendant Jorge Villalobos through the U.S. Marshals Service, the Clerk of Court is instructed to fill out a U.S. Marshals Service Process Receipt and Return form ("USM-285 form") for this defendant at the following address:

Jorge Villalobos c/o Gwendolyn Renee Tarver PAGNY-Correctional Health Services 49-04 19th Avenue 1st Floor Astoria, New York 11105

The Clerk of Court is further instructed to issue a summons and deliver to the Marshals Service all of the paperwork necessary for the Marshals Service to effect service upon this defendant of the complaint in this matter (Docket # 2).

The deadline for service is November 1, 2021.

CONCLUSION

The Clerk of Court is directed to reinstate Villalobos as a defendant in the abovecaptioned case. The Clerk of Court is directed to complete the USM-285 form with the address for Jorge Villalobos as provided above and deliver all documents necessary to effect service to the U.S. Marshals Service.

The Clerk of Court is directed to mail a copy of this order to Jones.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 1, 2021 New York, New York

> GABRIEL W. CORENSTEIN United States Magistrate Judge